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TAGS: BDIS, ETRD, BL

SUBJECT: TRADE DISPUTE OVER FLOUR SHIPMENT

REF: LA PAZ 7755 AND PREVIOUS

1. ATTORNEY FOR ADM MILLING COMPANY TELEPHONED ARA/BC DECEMBER 6 AND AGAIN DECEMBER 11. DECEMBER 6 CALL PRIMARILY TO MAKE DEPARTMENT AWARE LEGAL POSITION OF ADM IN ONGOING DISPUTE OVER NEDON CARGO. HE INFORMED DEPTOFF THAT JUDICIAL SALE OF THE CARGO WAS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12.

2. DECEMBER 11 CONVERSATION WAS TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF ACTIONS ADM IS PRESENTLY TAKING. ATTORNEY SAID HE INFORMED BOLIVIAN EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 11 THAT ADM HAS:

(1) REPOSSESSED THE FLOUR; (2) WITHDRAWN ITS OFFER OF SETTLEMENT; AND (3) WILL PURSUE ALL LEGAL REMEDIES AGAINST BOTH STEVENSON AND THE GOB. HE ADDED HIS PERSONAL FEELING

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THAT IT IS UNFORTUNATE THE PROBLEM HAS COME TO THIS POINT

BUT THAT HIS CLIENTS MUST PROTECT THEIR CONSIDERABLE
INVESTMENT. HE ALLEGED THAT MUCH OF THE PROBLEM STEMS FROM
GOB FAILURE TO EMPLOY LEGAL AND ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL COUNSEL
EARLY IN THE DISPUTE. HE ADDED THAT THE GOB WILL FIND IT
NECESSARY TO RETAIN COUNSEL AT THIS POINT. INGERSOLL

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